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Applicant: CORMIER, M. et al.

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for Transdermal Electrotransport
Delivery

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Office Action in this Application dated 08 December 1999, has been carefully reviewed. In response, the Applicants have amended the claims and made the following elections and provided the remarks herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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12. (Once amended) A method of making a formulation ~~[buffering an aqueous solution of a drug or an electrolyte]~~ used for transdermal electrotransport delivery, comprising the steps of:
[buffering]

providing a [the] solution of [with] a dipeptide comprising a chain of 2 to 5 amino acids and said dipeptide having an isoelectric pH[at which the dipeptide carries no net charge], the dipeptide having at least 2 pKa's which are separated by no more than about 3.5 pH units, the solution having a pH which is within about 1.0 pH unit of the isoelectric pH.